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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action dated June 27, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including November 27, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

~~Cancel~~ claims 31-63, without prejudice.

Add the following claims.

~~64.~~ (New) A variant human hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) which is incapable

of binding a heparan sulphate proteoglycan but which binds to the HGF receptor wherein

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